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Accompanying the Dissertation

### **Rural nonfarm employment and international migration as alternatives to agricultural employment: The case of Kyrgyzstan**

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1. A large nonfarm sector in depressed areas does not guarantee access to work and jobs for poor people. (This study)
2. The assumption that remittances have the same impact on rural households irrespective of the size of their landholdings is misleading and results in misguided policy conclusions. (This study)
3. The economic impact of the loss of productive household members on crop income due to migration is stronger in the case of permanent than in the case of seasonal migration. (This study)
4. Ignoring the heterogeneity of rural nonfarm activities hinders our understanding of the determinants of non-farm activities as well as our understanding of their effects on household's wellbeing. (This study)
5. The economic influence of migrants over remaining household members is often stronger than it would have been when he/she had lived at home. (This study)
6. Returned migrants are not necessarily those whose return is the most beneficial, while leaving migrants are not necessarily those whose departure is least detrimental for the home country. (This study)
7. It is unrealistic to expect that failed states can correct market failures.
8. Understanding the motives of policy makers should be of the same importance as understanding motives of migrants in migration studies.
9. International donors are often accountable only to the constituencies of their own countries.
10. Administering targeted social assistance in poor countries can be more expensive than providing universal benefits.